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WITH LOCKHEED

FOLLOWING CP ARTICLE APPEARING IN OTTAWA JOURNAL
FEB 14 REPORTS CANADIAN DEFENCE MINISTER RICHARDSON'S
REQUEST MADE PUBLIC IN WINNIPEG FEB 13 FOR MEETING WITH
LOCKHEED EXECUTIVES CONCERNING LRPA CONTRACT:

"THE PURCHASE OF 18 ORION LONG-RANGE PATROL AIRCRAFT
FROM LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP IS BEING REVIEWED
DEFENCE MINISTER JAMES RICHARDSON SAID FRIDAY.

"LOCKHEED'S FINANCIAL STRENGTH AND BUSINESS REPUTATION
HAS BEEN WEAKENED BY RECENT EVENTS," MR. RICHARDSON
SAID.

"WE HAVE TO REVIEW THE SITUATION BEFORE WE PROCEED
WITH THE CONTRACT NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION."

HE SAID THE FEDERAL CABINET GAVE ITS APPROVAL
IN NOVEMBER TO NEGOTIATE A DEAL WITH LOCKHEED TO
REPLACE THE ARGUS LONG-RANGE PATROL AIRACT.

MR. RICHARDSON HAS ASKED FOR A MEETING AS SOON AS
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POSSIBLE WITH EXECUTIVES OF LOCKHEED CONCERNING

CANADA'S MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ORDER."
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